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[57] **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a method for rapidly obtaining substantially pure DNA from a biological sample containing cells. The method involves gently lysing the membranes of the cells to yield a lysate containing genomic DNA in a high molecular weight form. The lysate is moved through a porous filter to selectively trap the high molecular weight DNA on the filter. The DNA is released from the filter using an aqueous solution to form a solution containing substantially purified DNA, from which the DNA is recovered.

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